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HEALTH COMMITTEE.

YEAR 1948.

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Sanitary Inspector - Position Vacant. (1/1/48 to 30/9/48).
A. Crowther. (1/10/48 to 31/12/48).

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on the health of Trawden for the year 1948.

The Department was seriously handicapped by the vacancy in the position of Sanitary Inspector for nine months of the year, with the resultant accumulation of arrears of work. The advent of the new Sanitary Inspector (Mr. A. Crowther) has given rise to a measure of progress.

I am grateful to the Officials of the Council for their willing assistance on all occasions.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
R. E. ROBINSON.

GENERAL.

The number of cases of acute infectious diseases notified during the year is Five, viz.

1 Case/s of Measles.
4 " " " Scarlet Fever.

This year the Birth-rate stands at 12.8 compared with 19.9 last year, which is a decrease of 7.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The Death-rate this year is 15.8 compared with 19.9 last year, which is a decrease of 4.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	6,815.
Population - Census 1931...	2,572.
- Estimated 1948	2,020.
Number of inhabited houses - Census 1931	807.
do do do 1948 (according to Rate Book)	799.
Rateable Value	£9,609.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£38.

CAUSES OF DEATH. 1948. (Registrar General's Official Returns).

All Causes - Males 16. Females 16.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.
Syphilitic Diseases.	1	-
Suicide.	1	-
Cancer.	1	5
Intra-cranial Vascular-lesions.	4	2
Heart Disease.	4	5
Other disease of Circ. System.	-	1
Bronchitis.	1	-
Prem: Birth.	2	-
Com: mal. birth inj. infant disease	-	1
All other causes.	2	2
	16	16

		M.	F.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	Total.	2	1
	Legitimate.	1	1
	Illegitimate.	1	-
Live Births.	Total.	17	9
	Legitimate	16	9
	Illegitimate	1	-
Still Births	Total.	-	1
	Legitimate	-	1
	Illegitimate	-	-

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

SMALL POX. - Crown Point Hospital, Burnley. (Controlled by the Burnley Joint Hospital Board.)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. - The Marsden Road Sanitorium, Burnley. (Controlled by the Burnley Joint Hospital Board), of which the Council is a constituent Member.

GENERAL. - The Hartley Hospital, Colne, 12 Male and 16 Female beds.

TUBERCULOSIS. - Sanatoria provided by the Lancashire County Council.

MATERNITY. - The Lancashire C.C. have arranged for Trawden patients to be admitted to the Christiana Hartley Maternity Home, Barrowford Road, Colne.

VENEREAL DISEASES. - The Lancashire C.C. have arranged for necessary treatment to be given at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley. From the 5th. July 1948, all the above Hospitals controlled by the Regional Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES. - The Burnley Joint Hospital Board's Motor Ambulance.

FOR ACCIDENTS AND NON-INFECTIOUS DISEASES. - The St. John Motor Ambulance.

FOR MATERNITY PATIENTS. - The St. John Motor Ambulance and Motor Cars privately arranged for by the patients.

These arrangements appear to work very satisfactorily.
From the 5th. July 1948, all Motor Ambulance Service provided by the Lancashire County Council.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

MATERNITY AND CH ILD WELFARE - A Clinic staffed by the Lancashire C.C. is held in Trawden Ambulance Hall fortnightly on Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. No other Clinics are held in Trawden, but residents may attend the following, under arrangements made by the County Authorities.

TUBERCULOSIS - At Carr Road, Nelson.

ORTHOPAEDIC - At Carr Road, Nelson. (Under 14 years of age).

VENEREAL DISEASES - Victoria Hospital, Burnley.

Mr. A. Callam, F.R.C.S. of Burnley, acts as consultant under the Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE. - The Public Health Act, 1936.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT. - Consists of a Medical Officer of Health (part time), and a Sanitary Inspector. The latter is also your Surveyor and Water Manager etc.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING. - There are no arrangements for home nursing of infectious diseases; but, under the Hartley Hospital Scheme, the services of the District Nurses are available for general nursing; and under the Lancashire C.C. scheme, two Midwives serve in the District.

THE SUPPLY OF FOOD AND MILK for expectant and nursing Mothers and Milk for Infants is arranged by the County Authorities.

Since the 5th. July 1948, Home Nursing Service and Home Help Service have been undertaken by the Lancashire County Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY. - The Water is obtained from springs and a boring in Boulsworth Hill, and is conveyed by pipe direct to the houses. It is of constant supply and the water is of excellent quality - 699 houses and 84 other premises being supplied.

POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND STREAMS. - These powers are under the Joint Board for the District.

TREATMENT OF SEWAGE. - All sewage treated at the works of the Colne Corporation.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF 1948 :-

Privy middens:- No. of middens.	- NIL.
No. of closets attached to these middens.	- NIL.
No. of pail closets.	- 217.
No. of dry ashpits.	- 132.
No. of movable ashbins.	- 528.
No. of houses on water carriage system.	- 499.
No. of fresh water closets.	- 437.
No. of waste water closets.	- 208.

CONVERSIONS.

		1948.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
No. of Privy closets	To fresh W.C.S.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	To Waste W.C.S.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	To pails etc.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
No. of Pail closets.	To fresh W.C.S.	12.	5.	4.	Nil.	3.	Nil.
	To waste W.C.S.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
No. of waste W.C.S. to Fresh W.C.S.		1.	1.	2.	3.	Nil.	Nil.
No. of houses at which movable ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles.		9.	7.	7.	8.	35.	7.

SCAVENGING is done by contract. House refuse is deposited in a disused quarry, whilst nightsoil is deposited into the Sewer.

SANITARY INSPECTION DURING 1948.

Number of premises visited	27.
Number of defects or nuisance discovered	8.
Number abated by informal notice	8.
Number of notices served..	Informal. Nil. Statutory. Nil.

No legal proceedings were necessary.

No action was taken with regard to smoke abatement.

Eradication of bed bugs:- There are no infested premises.

There are no offensive trades in the District.

There are no common lodging-houses, houses-let-in lodgings, tents, vans or sheds, canal boats or underground sleeping rooms.

Workshops and workplaces were found to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The children are educated and cared for at the Council School under ideal conditions. The sanitary condition and water supply of the school are good. The medical inspection of the children is undertaken by the County Authorities.

HOUSING.

Number of houses erected during the year:-

a. Total including numbers given separately under b.	Nil.
(i) By the Local Authority...	10.
(ii) By other Local Authorities	Nil.
(iii) By other bodies and persons....	Nil.
b. With State assistance under the Housing Acts:-	
(i) By the Local Authority...	Nil.
(ii) By other bodies or persons	Nil.
1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.	11.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY. - No action was taken during the past year with regard to the administration of the various Acts and Orders.

There are two producers of designated milk.

Cowsheds and Milkshops are inspected periodically and their conditions are not satisfactory.

Number of Dairy Farms...	62.
Approximate number of cows	500.
Number of Cowkeepers	58.
do on Register	58.
do of Inspections during year...	Nil.
do of Milk Purveyors (Not Cowkeepers).	Nil.
do do do do on Register ...	Nil.

No action was taken re tuberculosis milk and no samples were bacteriologically examined.

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES - Number registered. Nil.

Number licensed. 3.

BAKEHOUSES - Four exist and are in good condition.

ADULTERATION - Sampling under the Food and Drugs Acts is carried out by the Public Health Department of the County Council.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Five cases of Infectious Diseases occurred during the year. Bacteriological Examinations are made at the Public Health Laboratory, Burnley.

Specimens examined - Nil.

DISINFECTION - Four houses were disinfected by means of fumigators.

TUBERCULOSIS - No cases were notified.

No action was taken under the P. H. (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or P. H. A. 1936, Section 172.

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum occurred.

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Trawden Forest,
COLNE.
October 1949.